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Ms. Karin Ferriter
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Re: US Patent No. 5,272,813
For: Methods and Compositions for Vaccinating Against Feline
Immunodeficiency Virus
Issued: January 4, 1994
Inventors: Janet Yamamoto, *et al.*
Our File No.: 02307U-023730US

Dear Ms. Ferriter:

This is a request as to the status of the application for patent term extension for the above-referenced patent. According to our records the last action in this matter is correspondence from the USDA to the USPTO informing the USPTO of the length of the delay for regulatory approval. Our client would appreciate information about any further actions that have been taken in this matter.

Sincerely,


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